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Celebrating the seasons

KATE BUTLER
Haliburton Highlands Museum

Author and philosopher, Albert Camus, is reputed to have said, "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." Somehow, this is especially apt in 2020, a year that seems to have confused our sense of time. More so this year than any other year, I feel as if people have been saying, "Oh my gosh, is it (insert month here) already?" Many people I have spoken to feel as if autumn has crept up on us this year, suddenly bursting forth in a riot of colour with no warning at all.

This year, with so many plans put on hold and so many events postponed, these indicators from the natural world seem to have become more significant. People are looking to spend more time outdoors and huge numbers of visitors have come to Haliburton County in recent weeks simply to enjoy Mother Nature's display in shades of yellow, orange and red. I know that I can't seem to stop taking pictures of the colours this year. How about you?

One wonders what people living in Haliburton County around 150 years ago would have made of our fascination with the autumn colours. I can't imagine they were oblivious to their charms, but of course, their relationship with the trees around them was vastly different to ours. For a family arriving here in the 1860s to establish a home, trees were likely seen as a bit of a nuisance, to begin with, as they needed to be cleared from the land to make it suitable for agriculture. Trees were also useful though, as building materials and a source of warmth. Before long, they came to be a source of income, which could drive the economy of the whole community, with work in the local lumber camps and mills supporting families in the area for decades. In the intervening years, lessons in sustainable care of the forest landscape have been learned, lessons which local First Nations have always known. It's amazing to think that much of the autumn colour we see around us today is actually remarkably new growth.

Looking through old photos, it's a challenge to imagine Haliburton County's past clad in bright colours – we're so used to seeing it in black and white. A photo in the museum's collection that recently caught my eye shows siblings Robert and Fanny Moon out for a carriage ride. Their brother, Thomas Moon Jr., a skilled amateur photographer, took the snap around the turn of the 20th century and it shows how vague the seasons can be in historic photos. Few leaves show on the deciduous trees, and while the siblings look warmly dressed, they don't look in the least bit cold. Is it an early spring day or late autumn? Perhaps we'll never know, but even after all these years, the photo tells a story of people celebrating family ties.

Though 2020 has caused upheaval in people's daily lives and major life plans, it's still so important to keep making memories during this time. That's how we slow down the days and keep the seasons from whizzing by too fast. I hope this long weekend finds you safely connecting with friends and family and making memories for the future!

Kate Butler is the director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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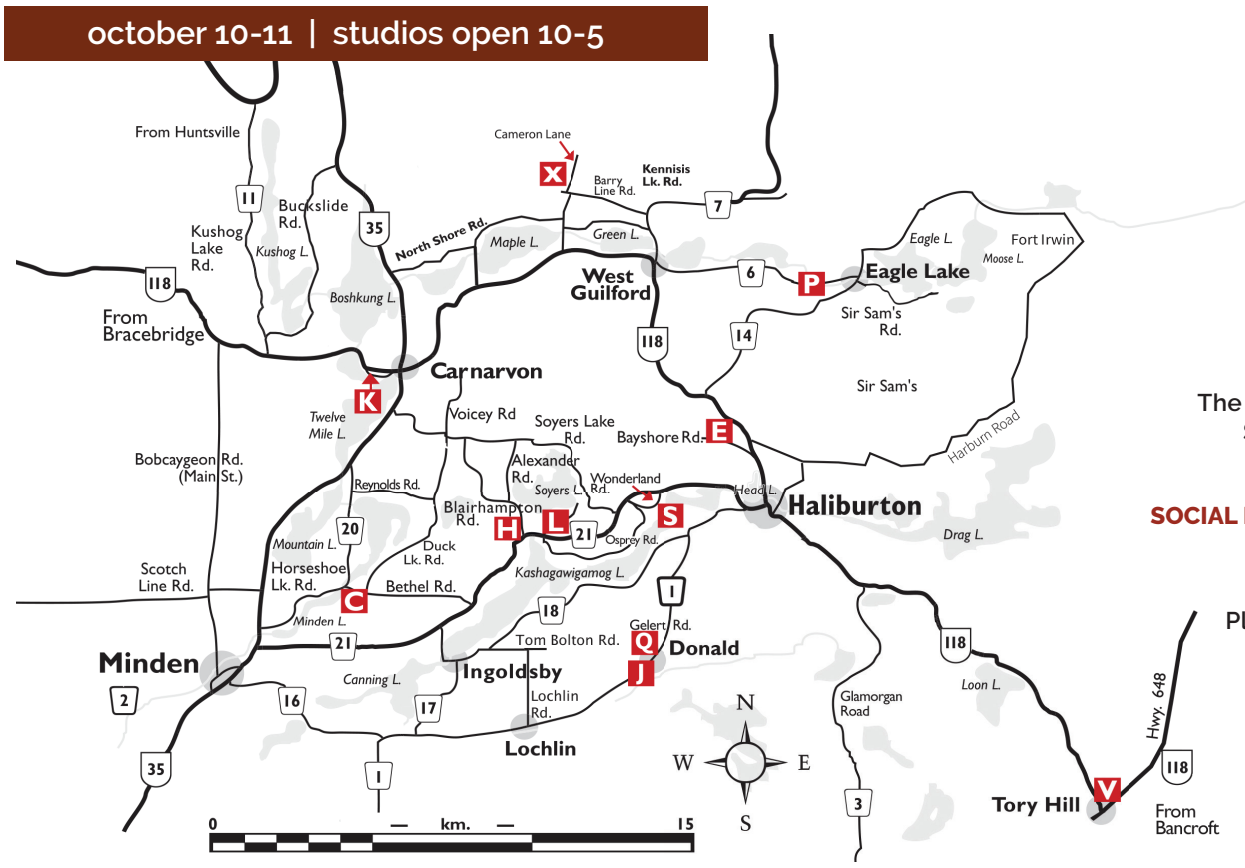

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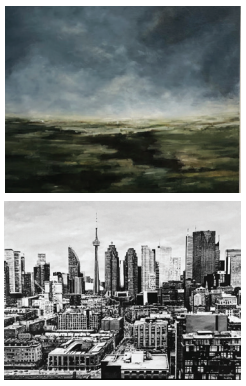

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Fried green tomatoes, don'tcha know

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

WELL, THERE I was, ol' Maybelle picking off green tomatoes so the frost wouldn't get them. Oh, I suppose I could have left them just a touch longer, but I had never cooked fried green tomatoes before – saw the movie of the same name five times I liked it so much – and thought I'd give it a try. Now, I have to tell you that most of my garden was harvested a good three weeks earlier. The peas came first, so did the garlic and then the beets. I'm sure partial to beet greens, don'tcha know. Why I'd snip them off in the morning and steam them for breakfast. Delicious with a splash of virgin olive oil and salt. I even minced some fresh garlic for a good wake up call to my digestive system and plopped a three-minute egg on top. Peachy!

The first batch of ripe red tomatoes was big and juicy and I had quickly whipped them into a tasty spaghetti sauce. But now, this late in the season, I still had some growing and they were green as Granny Smiths (apples, of course). So, I pulled a whole bag full of them off the vine, wrapped all but four in newspaper and put them in the basement to ripen. Then I headed to the kitchen with the rest, to fry them up.

"What'cha doin', Mama Maybelle?" Bogart my bear asked me. His thought/voice synthesizer cap was turned on so I could hear what he was thinking. "I'm going to fry up some green tomatoes," I said. "You want to try some?" Why if that bear wasn't game as could be, excuse the pun. He's NOT game in the huntin' sense … no no … he's my family, don'tcha know.

So … I rinsed off the tomatoes, sliced them, patted both sides with flour, and dipped them in a mixture of milk and egg. Then I dredged them in bread crumbs and cornflour with a bit of salt and pepper … put three slices at a time in a skillet with hot vegetable oil and sizzle sizzle … cooked them 'til brown on both sides and let them drain on paper towels. I'm telling you, I was over the moon giddy when Bogart took his first bite and said: "Va-va-va-voooom!" Bogart is a big fan of the old Jackie Gleason *Honeymooners* show that he watches on the internet, don'tcha know.

Well, I wasn't about to eat them au naturelle … although you sure can. I used some spicy ranch dressing to dip them in. Not exactly what the doctor ordered, but my tastebuds sure loved it … they even did the Watusi. Oh, I guess that dance is before your time.

Now, ol' Maybelle wasn't about to stop at fried green tomatoes. Afterall, there are umpteen other delish ways to cook with them. There are green tomato fritters, salsa, burritos, chilli, chutney, ketchup, casserole, pasta, pizza, quiche…the list goes on. And, so did ol' Maybelle.

Why if I didn't bring the rest of my stock up from the basement, cook up a storm, and invite my bubble of close friends: Twindle Mumbly, Vilma Yuccch, her sweetheart – Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Beanpole Starkman and Sybil Beaucannon Hughes to come over for a green tomato fest. Fortunately, it was a bright sunny day, so we all sat outside … flapped our lips with stories … and savoured ol' Maybelle's end-of-season green tomato treats.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com

Pulling over for pictures

How many colours can you spot along the roadside near Haliburton? This year, the leaves offered an explosion of colour. / JENN WATT Staff

Be the Grandmother this Thanksgiving

JANET TRULL
Special to County Life

Every Thanksgiving needs "the Grandmother," whether real or appointed, who makes sure everything goes smoothly. Burnt squash needs a little extra brown sugar. Lumpy, gluey potatoes? More gravy. The Grandmother eases the tension and knows what to do when things get heated. / Photo courtesy of Janet Trull

OH, OCTOBER, I love you so! You are the Grandmother of months. Mellow, wise and beautiful, even as you lose your foliage. You prepare us for the coming winter with all the courage of the Grandmothers we have loved in our lives. Those guardians of family traditions who know how to adapt when Thanksgiving is thrown a curve ball. Without any fuss, they expand and contract the Thanksgiving dinner table to accommodate whoever shows up.

I met my husband on a Thanksgiving weekend on a dock on Lake Kashagawigamog in a snow squall. It's a complicated tale of confounding coincidences that led to over 40 Haliburton Thanksgivings, some more memorable than others. But the constant is the Grandmother Factor.

This is what we have learned. A verified Grandmother is not always available. In the absence of a real Grandmother, someone must be nominated to fulfill the role. Because Thanksgiving just doesn't happen without one. Who will turn the oven on and oversee toddlers as they tear stale bread into small pieces for the stuffing? Who will demonstrate the proper way to peel potatoes? Who can find the cranberry-stained recipe taped inside the cottage cookbook? Accidents are going to happen. The Grandmother (or acting Grandmother) has to smooth things over.

Burnt squash needs a little extra brown sugar. Lumpy, gluey potatoes? More gravy.

Where is Grandfather (or acting Grandfather) in all this? He is supervising the "taking in of the docks." This requires a performance of despair and much head shaking due to the increasing incompetence of young people these days.

Thanksgiving is not Thanksgiving without a little tension. Case in point: Thanksgiving 1992. I was mashing potatoes with a white hot fury in a steamy cottage kitchen, after learning that the dock crew had sneaked over to Wigamog to watch the Blue Jays compete for the World Series title.

Thankfully, there was an authentic, apron-wearing Grandmother in charge who calmly covered the turkey with tin foil and put the vegetable dishes in the oven to keep warm. Then she winked at us and directed one of the grandchildren to reach up into the attic to retrieve a bottle of port left behind by some nameless boozehound.

When the baseball fans sheepishly returned, they were surprised to find that the womenfolk were having quite a jolly time of it. The kids were reading *Archie* comics and nibbling at pumpkin tarts.

Were you gone? Oh! We didn't notice.

If the turkey was a tad dry, no one

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Grandmothers may need to step up this year

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thought to mention it.

This year, with uncertainty surrounding the celebrations, all the Grandmothers of Thanksgivings Past look over my shoulder as I prepare for different possibilities. Thanksgivings, over their lifetimes, were celebrated during wars with too many empty chairs and during the Great Depression with stewing hens instead of turkeys. They went ahead even after Grandfather lost the business, and after the death of little Dorothy, and after Christopher burned the house down, playing with matches.

COVID-19 is just one more struggle to accept and overcome. We can anticipate, this year, that there will be a shortage of available Grandmothers. You may have to step up. Age and gender notwithstanding, somebody has to take on the leadership in this essential role. Your Grandmother managed to mash and baste and bake and stir the gravy with a baby slung over her shoulder while quietly suffering from mysterious illnesses like chilblains and lumbago. So. You can do this.

Grandmothers of yore.

I learned my Grandmother skills from women who took their Thanksgiving responsibilities seriously. It was more than a cooking weekend. It was a weekend to pack up the linens and spread cloves in drawers to discourage mice. It was a weekend of connecting with grandchildren, playing endless games of Kings in the Corner on a rough table that was actually an old door on sawhorses, the kind of improvisation necessary when folks didn't have a dime to spare. It was a weekend for ghost stories by the fieldstone fireplace. The Outhouse Spider Mystery. The Empty Canoe.

Or how about this one?

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A good ghost story should make you feel scared and safe at the same time.

And that is how I feel as this Thanksgiving approaches. Scared about the threat of a second wave of COVID-19, but safe in Haliburton County where cases are rare.

No matter who you are, or how you are celebrating Thanksgiving this year, embrace your inner Grandmother. Deal the cards, pour a glass of the good stuff, put on a generous spread for whoever shows up.

Be the quarterback.

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Anybody can be a "Grandmother" at Thanksgiving. Age and gender notwithstanding, somebody has to take on leadership in this essential role. / Photos courtesy of Janet Trull

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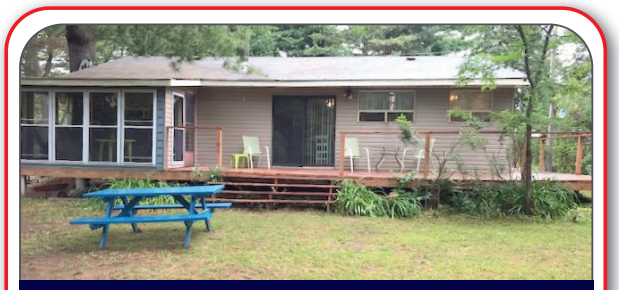

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Combatting misinformation

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THROUGHOUT THE pandemic we have been made to think about something that we normally don't really think too much about – how things like viruses spread. It might feel strange to some having to think about how something invisible to the human eye might be on something like a door handle, and then gets on your hand, and then gets into your eye when you unconsciously rub at it. You probably didn't think about how much stuff we share – tiny droplets and viral particles – just talking to one another. I was told by a university professor once that two people speaking in a car for 20 minutes deposits enough of these droplets onto a dashboard to yield a DNA profile. Like finding out about the mites that live in your eyebrows, or how much of your mattress is dead skin cells by the end of its life, learning about the unseen world around us can be both amazing and unsettling.

Another thing we share is information. Humans are naturally social creatures. Relying on one another has helped us survive as a species. We're social in a number of ways, but almost all of those ways involve sharing information. We share information with words (written and spoken), objects, art of all kinds, how we dress, our body language, and even how we smell. Sometimes this information is very direct in its delivery, and sometimes it is more abstract. Information is everywhere and as humans we are constantly taking it in and processing it.

With many of our social interactions being facilitated by technology of some kind, we need to acknowledge how this absorption of information may be affected by that technology. People of a certain age may remember the game "telephone". Everyone sits in a circle and someone starts off by whispering a phrase in someone's ear. The phrase is then whispered, in turn, by each person in the circle until it reaches the original sender. The game ends with the sender saying what they originally said and comparing it to the message that they heard at the end. More often than not, the message has changed significantly. Sometimes this is because someone unintentionally changed the message through mishearing what was whispered to them or misunderstanding it – this is analogous to misinformation which is the unintentional spread of inaccurate information. Sometimes the message changes because someone in the circle intentionally changes it because they want to be funny or mean – this is analogous to disinformation which is the intentional spread of inaccurate information to manipulate others.

Social media platforms are not neutral grounds for information sharing. Companies like Facebook (which owns Instagram), Twitter, YouTube, and others offer their services for free, but make money through advertising revenue. The major selling feature for advertising is how many eyes are going to be on a particular ad, whether that ad is clicked on, and whether that click ultimately converts to a sale. This roughly translates into more views or clicks = more money. To generate these coveted views or clicks, social media platforms elevate popular topics to keep people engaged. But as we all know popular does not mean good, and this elevation of popular rather than accurate can have damaging effects.

Casey Newton, Silicon Valley editor for *The Verge*, recently argued that Twitter's trending topics feature is primed for the spread of conspiracy theories to the extent that they have been used for the spread of disinformation. Twitter has done some work around this issue, including using human curators to contextualize some of these trending topics, however increased chatter about long-debunked conspiracy theories still gets pushed to the surface on the regular where without this algorithmic manipulation such disinformation could die out on its own.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Facebook executives were made aware by their own team as far back as 2018 that the platform is engineered to "exploit the human brain's attraction to divisiveness" and that the platform would automatically serve up more and more divisive content to keep people's attention. However, this warning went largely unheeded. While efforts were made by developers to create tools to curb the spread of hyper-partisan content, Facebook executives actively resisted these efforts. In 2016 Facebook's internal research found that "64 per cent of all extremist group joins" were due to their own recommendation tools. While Facebook did work to ban certain disinformation groups from the platform over this past year, many critics argue their efforts are falling short of what is needed.

An important part of combatting misinformation and disinformation is thinking critically about information you receive – whether it is on social media, traditional news media, in books, on the radio, or told to you by your neighbour. Thinking critically is not the same thing as just always taking the opposing viewpoint – that's contrarianism. Rather, thinking critically involves evaluating information for accuracy, pausing to consider your own biases, reading beyond the headline or article, and looking for other sources that may or may not support the information you are interrogating.

For example, on Twitter I saw someone tweet a pre-print paper as a reply to a news article about COVID-19 which was purported to support a long-debunked piece of misinformation. The tweet also quoted the author of the paper using some fairly sensational language that I wouldn't expect from a dispassionate academic. I read the paper and the cited quote was nowhere to be found. Then I searched for the quote itself. This is called reading laterally – when you search for information about what you are reading elsewhere. Eventually I found that there were factual errors in the paper, that there was an entire context to the issue that had gone unexplored by the author, that the author was not a seasoned expert on the topic about which he was writing, and that the author had been quoted by online media outlets known for spreading conspiracy theories. Throughout this process, I had to critically acknowledge any biases I might have held while searching for supporting information, which is an energy consuming process. Critical thinking is important, but it is also difficult. In this year of information and emotional overload, it's no wonder we find it difficult to do what we need to do to be good digital citizens.

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, our patience is wearing thin. This makes us more susceptible to the promises that misinformation and disinformation make to us – that there are easy answers, that we should just all get on with it and get back to "normal," that the problems in our world aren't the boring, complex, hard to understand ones that we've been burdened with. All the more important why we need to guard ourselves against misinformation and disinformation. According to the UN's Share Verify project, a study by social scientists from the University of South Wales identified "2,311 reports of rumours, stigma, and conspiracy theories in 25 languages and 87 countries," some with deadly consequences. The only way to combat this global problem is for us to practice good information sharing and consuming habits, and to talk to our loved ones about doing the same.

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS
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Top 10 reasons why we don't wear cones

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

LAST WEEK, my pup ran into something sharp and required a few stitches. As a result, I've been watching Rosie live life with an Elizabethan cone around her neck. This got me wondering why our doctors don't prescribe them for us. Here are the top 10 reasons I came up with.

1. Most of us don't chew at our stitches.
2. Potentially dangerous if the patient gets caught in torrential rain.
3. The pigeons would love it.
4. Beard dander/dandruff.
5. The acoustics are terrible.
6. Making martinis would be even easier.
7. If a marble got in there you'd go crazy.
8. It would make standing on your head too easy.
9. First dates are awkward enough.
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There's loneliness in all of us
So bridging is the trick
With timeouts of sweet beauty
Or the giggles till we're sick

Since humour and creation
In a kitchen or in song
Ensure that melancholy
Couldn't ever settle long

Unless its depths are darker
Where all energy just left
No smile, guitar or chocolate cake
Could heal a spirit cleft

Like trees, our skin gets gnarly
It reveals to light its grief
With healing scars and fractured bones
Near-naked with dropped leaf

Our growth persists regardless
Of all strangeness in our time
We branch towards survival
And that sun, our call to rhyme

When world gets too gigantic
Or it feels instead too small
I nudge reluctant shoes outdoors
And notice voice of fall

One's metaphoric vision
Puts a soul inside of trees
Some books suggest they breathe and speak
Though sceptics scowl 'oh please..'

'As if those things are conscious;
They're firewood or shade...'
But huggers love regardless
Suggesting when leaves fade

That symbolism's couched within
Soft messages shout out
In colours cleaving every year
Before each winter's clout

Of loneliness through frozen months
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Vegetable love in the time of COVID

BELINDA GALLAGHER

Garden Musings

I JUST FINISHED reading Janet Trull's "Haliburton County COVID-19 chronicles" that was published in *County Life* on Sept. 3 and found myself continuously nodding in agreement with her reflections: grocery shopping is stressful, you have to learn new skills like Zoom, cleaning closets and everything else helps fill time. Pandemics prompt unforeseen changes in our routines. Most importantly, through it all, "nature prevails". The unvarying rhythm of nature will carry us through. And that, in my humble opinion, includes vegetable gardening.

Ordering and starting seeds, turning the soil, planting, tending and harvesting – another natural rhythm that provided some, forgive the pun, grounding in this year of upheaval.

Each year I have a love affair with a new vegetable variety or two. Sometimes it is an heirloom plant, sometimes a newly minted hybrid.

A few years ago, I grew a new-to-me cherry tomato called "Sun Sugar." It was love at first bite. Considered a yellow cherry tomato, it actually ripens to a nice tangerine orange and is sweet, sweet, sweet. Lower acid than most, it is excellent dehydrated, lasting months in an airtight jar or in the freezer. We use dried slices on pizzas, in sandwiches, scrambled eggs and even salads.

I have sampled others – "Sweet Baby Girl," "Sweet Hearts," "Sun Gold" and some heirloom types, but "Sun Sugar" has remained the best for flavour, production, and off the vine ripening. It is also less prone to splitting and cracking than others. Consistently making horticultural top 10 lists, it will always have a prominent spot in the garden.

This year, the cherry tomato called "Midnight Snacks" made the give-it-a-go list. True to the name, it is a dark purple/black fruit that ripens red with purple tops. While it tastes good, looks amazing in a salad and is disease resistant, I found it slow to ripen. I shared some plants with friends who rated it much higher than I did so I'll give it another try next year.

Summer squash – zucchini, yellow and patty pan – are a staple for the making of confetti relish every year. If you have grown zucchini, you know that they can go from six centimetres to a metre overnight, becoming the size of baseball bats.

Whenever I pick these brutes, I am reminded of my favourite fictional detective, the Belgian Hercule Poirot, who in his retirement grew vegetable marrows (zucchini). In her book, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, Agatha Christie creates a splendid scene with Poirot tossing a giant marrow over the fence in rage, nearly hitting the neighbour.

I love his apology, "I demand of you a thousand pardons, monsieur. I am without defence. For some months now I cultivate the marrows. This morning suddenly I enrage myself with these marrows. I send them to promenade themselves – alas! not only mentally but physically. I seize the biggest. I hurl him over the wall. Monsieur, I am ashamed. I prostrate myself."

Poirot, unlike every other gardener, thought his marrows much too small!

This year I stumbled upon the perfect, bred-in-England marrow, called "Baby Tiger." Pear-shaped, cream coloured fruits are striped dark green. This summer squash has a nutty flavour that is great when broiled or grilled and best of all, each marrow grew to a manageable size even when left on the vine too long. Poirot wouldn't approve.

But it wasn't the tomato or the marrow in this year's vegetable love story. It turned out to be a humble pole bean. I wrote in one of my springtime musings that I would plant vegetables in the containers usually reserved for colourful annuals. It was a nod to possible COVID-19-induced shortages.

Pole beans, grown on bamboo tri-pods were chosen to add some height and maybe produce some snacks. The variety selected was called "Hunter" and it did not disappoint. In fact the fondness turned to full-blown love in short order.

A classic French bean, "Hunter" won the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit in 1993, an award that always indicates a good plant for regular gardeners. I put two seeds in each corner of a large 18" x 18" container and in no time I had wide, flattened pods that were unbelievably tasty and tender.

Recommended for freezing (the reason they were selected), not a single pod made it that far. Most were eaten raw as we passed by on the way to the greenhouse. A select few were lightly steamed in the microwave and became a feature taste on social distancing snack trays. Next year I am foregoing the peas and switching that real estate to "Hunter" beans. I look forward to a long relationship.

The canning supplies shelves are almost empty everywhere which leads me to believe many of you had your own vegetable love in the time of COVID-19.

Happy Thanksgiving.

"Baby tiger" summer squash, surrounded by peppers, is a pear-shaped vegetable that tastes great broiled or grilled.

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The restaurant industry has been one of the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, with many restaurants facing significantly reduced revenue, increased insurance costs, and challenges with maintaining their workforce, as well as looming challenges to accommodate full-service dining over the winter months as the patio season comes to a close. Restaurant owners have scrambled to implement measures to minimize risk, including redesigning dining spaces, adding time restrictions to reservations, maintaining contactless service, adhering to enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols, and operating under mask mandates for indoor dining.

While it is more important than ever to support our local restaurants, anyone planning to go to a restaurant should conduct their own personal risk assessment in advance of making plans. This means considering a number of factors, including your personal health vulnerabilities and health status, your age, the transmission rates in your area, the size of your group, how your dining companions fit in your personal bubble, the intended duration of your dining experience, and the restaurant's safety protocols.

Richard Ovcharovich, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's manager of health protection, said "the biggest favour you could do for yourself and others is not to go out

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Follow restaurants' protocols for take-out and dining in

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if sick. Instead, stay home and reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 in the community."

Ovcharovich added that if you are not experiencing symptoms of illness and decide to go out to eat at a restaurant, ensure you take several precautions including washing your hands frequently with soap and water; covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; wearing a mask inside restaurants (except when seated at a table); practicing physical distancing from other diners; and listening and being understanding of restaurant staff and servers who must follow additional COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Ovcharovich cautioned that patrons should not move tables, as they have been placed to ensure a two-metre (six-foot) physical distance between customers. Patrons must also provide their name and contact information to the server/staff member when asked, as restaurants and bars are required to keep client logs for the purposes of COVID-19 tracing.

When retrieving take-out food from a restaurant, Ovcharovich said the most important thing to do is wash your hands before eating, as "hands spread an estimated 80 per cent of all common germs and infections."

Patrons can also check in with the HKPR CheckINspection website www.hkprcheckINspection.ca for restaurants and search by business name, location and type of operation to make an informed decision when going out to a restaurant. The program includes green "pass" or red "closed" signs that include the dates and results of the most recent health unit inspection that must be displayed at local restaurants and bars.

For the specific Ontario COVID-19 guidelines for restaurants, visit: www.ontario.ca/page/restaurant-and-food-services-health-and-safety-during-covid-19.

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Streets celebrate a new season thanks to BIA's Sharon Rowden

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As fall rolls around, Sharon Rowden starts organizing, and soon the downtown business area of Haliburton is decorated with seasonal spirit in the form of 100 hay bales, 70 pumpkins and about 60 pots of chrysanthemums.

Rowden, a member of the BIA and owner of Touch of Class Day Spa and Hair Salon, has volunteered for the past few years to decorate the downtown core on behalf of the BIA. The work was once coordinated by Debra Dart and a group of volunteers.

"It's just something I took on and I've been doing it ever since, because I like to decorate," said Rowden. "I really like to do it, it makes town look nice. People love it, and that's good for me."

Rowden noted the BIA funds the project and Brad Park at Foodland is instrumental in ordering supplies in each fall, usually in time for Colourfest, though that event was cancelled this year. Decorations are stored in the BMO basement, and this year the mums waited on Rowden's lawn before they could be moved into place downtown.

"At the beginning of September, Brad orders in what I need, then [with] my wonderful husband and family, I drag them into town with trucks and trailers," said Rowden, laughing. "We head out and basically I get them to help me put all the hay bales out because they're big and awkward and heavy. Then I go out to add the mums and decorations."

Her family is ready for the task at hand.

"They know every year that when I say, OK, don't make plans on this date because we have to do hay bales and pumpkins, they know exactly what I'm talking about."

Sometimes Rowden has assistance in decorating, and other times she does it herself, a project that takes up to 12 hours.

"Usually it probably takes us about an hour to get the hay bales in place. I've got a crew, so I say, you go here with this many, you go here," said Rowden. "The mums, the same. The decorating, it probably takes me a good 10 to 12 hours. I was there for four hours on Monday, I worked until about 9 o'clock on Monday night. I was using the light on my phone trying to see what I was doing and then I said, OK, this is crazy, time to go home."

Rowden is careful to get the finishing touches just so, and said she doesn't usually do touch-ups once the displays are in place, although sometimes she might stop to fix something she sees out of place.

"When I'm there doing it and people are walking by and they stop to have conversations and ask me about it, and then there's the compliments," said Rowden of the fun of decorating. "An elderly couple walked by me Monday night, said I was doing a great job and that it looked nice – it just makes you feel good."

She noted that besides being appreciated by downtown visitors and businesses, the displays are usually well-respected, with minimal damage each year.

"My biggest vandals are the deer," she laughed. "They love to eat the pumpkins. The deer are my only true vandals, but we'll let them have it."

It's been the past decade that Rowden has taken a shining to decorating, since she moved into an older house that she worked to beautify. She likes to refurbish, collect antiques, and has a craft room and a packed garage that she said her husband often eyes, hoping he might clean it out.

Some of her crafts have made their way into Touch of Class, as has a line of mineral paint and supplies she sells to share her passion with crafty clients.

At home, she has her fall displays done already. "Christmas, I go all out," she laughed.

Rowden said last week that decorating throughout town was only halfway done, but that she hoped to finish displays depending on the weather this past weekend, in time for what she hoped would be a busy Thanksgiving weekend.

"It's just something to help our town look nice, thanking our BIA for supplying everything to make our town look awesome," she said. "I love it, it just, it makes town, it makes people smile, and that makes me happy. I'm glad people enjoy it."

Fall decorations arranged by Sharon Rowden of the Haliburton BIA give Highand Street a boost of colour on Oct. 2. This arrangement is outside the Village Barn, but you can see mums and pumpkins throughout the downtown. /JENN WATT Staff

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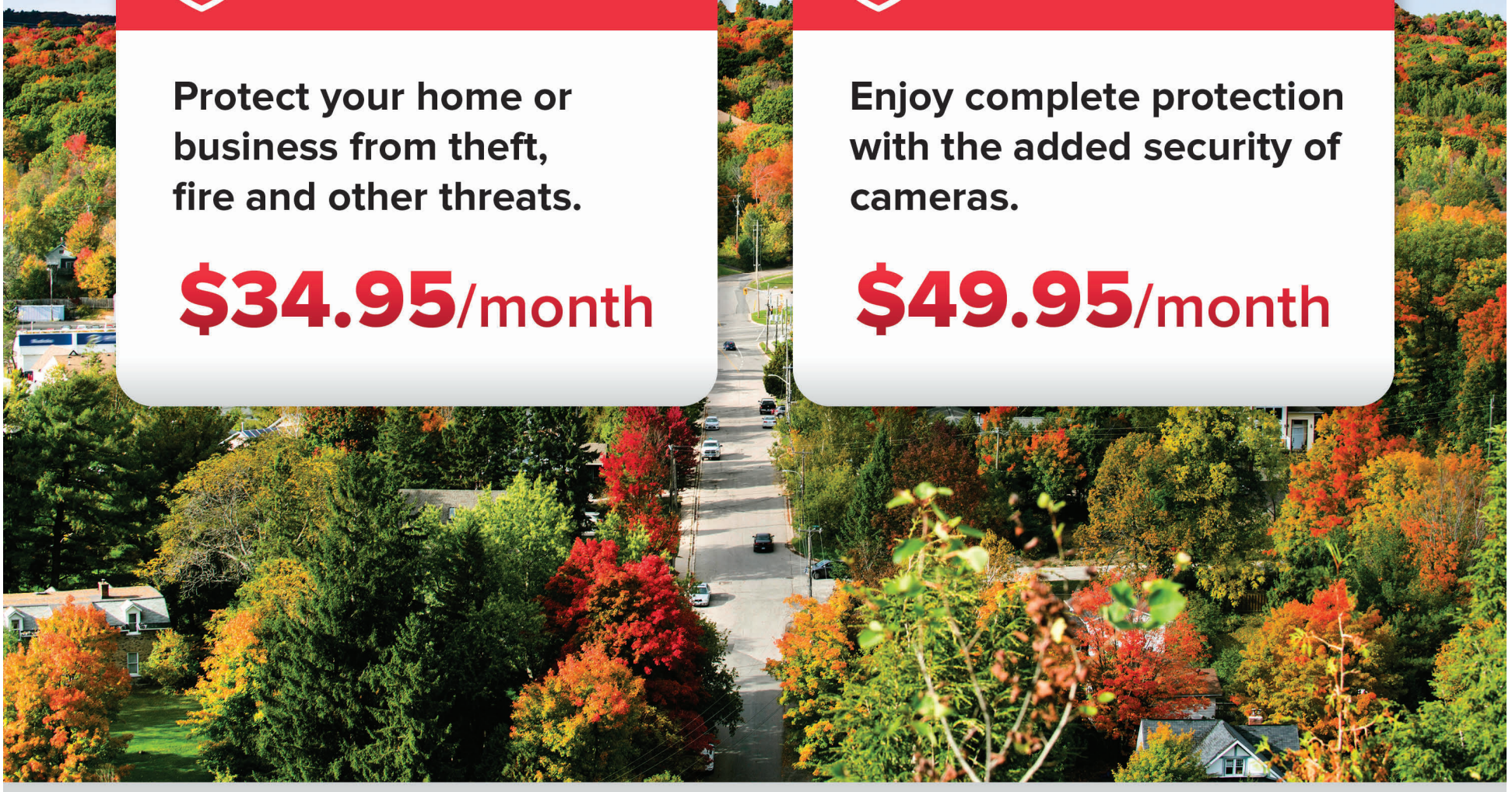

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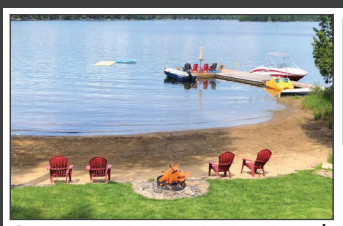

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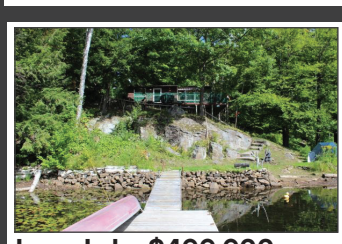
- Two parcels zoning 59 acres, 5 acres zoned commercial highway & 54 zoned disposal industrial



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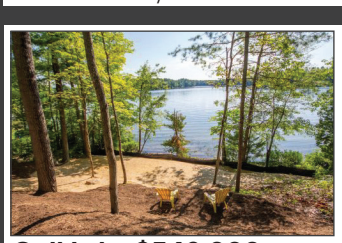
- 3 BR, 4-piece bath, newer septic sized for 4 bedrooms.
- Miles of boating, year-round road access



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Gull Lake $549,000

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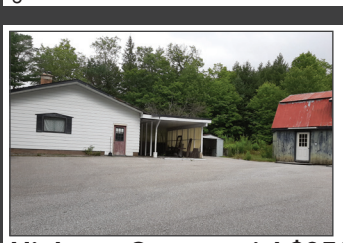

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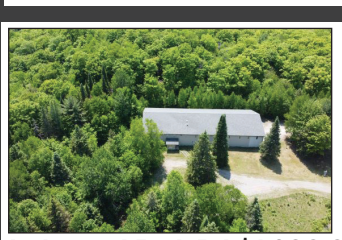

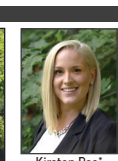

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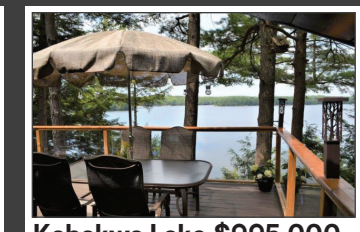

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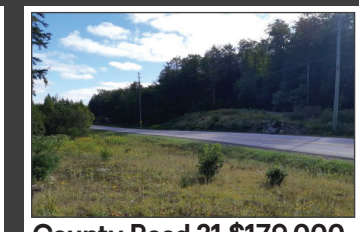

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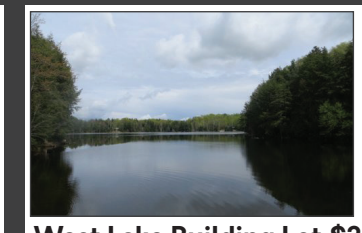

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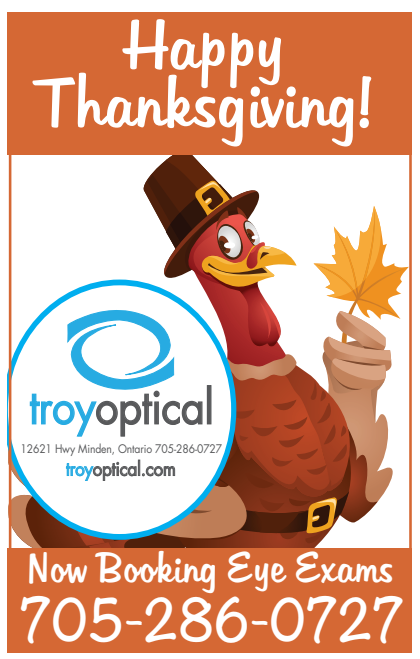

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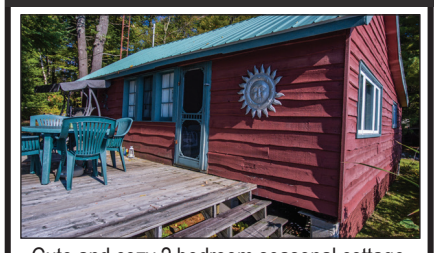

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Eastern schools under review

Low enrolment worries board

KEN MACPHERSON
Special to The Echo

Declining enrolment is requiring the Trillium Lakelands School Board to think about what to do with two area schools.

The director of education has approved the creation of an accommodation review committee for Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools. The review is a study of a school or group of schools where there are challenges in providing a range of learning opportunities for students, and where there may be a need to consider the possible consolidation, closure, or program relocation of one or more schools, says a press release from the board.

Cardiff currently boasts 60 students and Wilberforce 61, a critically-low enough number to make the board take action.

"Our responsibility as educators is to offer our students the best chance for each student to reach his or her potential," says Kathy Verduyn, director of education. "The accommodation review process is in place because of the declining enrolment; we are concerned about the future of elementary education for our two communities."

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They're off!

Participants in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Terry Fox Run set off for their run around Head Lake on Friday morning. Altogether the 225 students and dozen staff members raised $5,200 for cancer research. Meanwhile, all 366 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School participated in their own run, raising more than $4,000. There are more photos on page 12.

Devolin optimistic about TSW report's outcome

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The election should cause only "a small delay" in the federal government's review of the recommendations Trent-Severn Waterway panel report, says Conservative politician Barry Devolin.

While he tried to avoid politicking when he spoke at Saturday's Lakeland Conference in his home town of Haliburton, the MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said that since current environment minister John Baird is already very familiar with the report, "the path of least resistance is for him to still be the minister" after the October 14 election.

"If not," Devolin said, "we'll have to keep pushing it. But whoever the four MPs in [the waterway's catchment area] are, they'll likely support this report."

He added, "I am more than cautiously optimistic that we'll make progress." His greatest fear is that the main proposal – to change the system's management – will cause a turf war on the operational level.

Last summer, the federally-commissioned panel met with stakeholders along the TSW. They heard from places such as Peterborough, which relies on the system to provide it with municipal water, and Haliburton County, where reservoir lakes are drained every summer to help the system maintain water levels.

The panel released its report, *It's All About the Water*, at the Peterborough Lift Locks in April.

Devolin said panel members did "some deep thinking" about how to modernize a system that was created in 1905 and left virtually untouched since then. They make "significant and I'd say profound recommendations" of what changes need to be made

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